

Address of Requesting Entity: 4554 114th St., Urbandale, IA 50322

Description of Request: The Watershed Demonstration Project will help Iowa farmers identify and reduce their contribution to water pollution by providing technical assistance to groups of farmers in targeted watersheds and by collaborating with other watershed stakeholders to plan and implement watershed-specific strategies, measure outcomes, and adjust practices to optimize results. The proper management of natural resources related to cropland and the planning and implementation of conservation systems on cropland, especially in watersheds of impaired streams, is part of the federal mission, which this project helps to further. The work of improving and maintaining watershed health and water quality in agricultural watersheds will always require federal investment, and due to the downstream impact of Midwest agricultural water quality concerns all the way to estuary waters, such as the Gulf of Mexico, projects such as these are increasingly important.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, unfortunately Tuesday night, July 7, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Con. Res. 135 and H.R. 1129.

Had I been present for roll call No. 478, I would have voted "aye."

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#### BILL AND ANN BELLAIS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Rev. William Bellais, Ed.D., and his wife, Ann Bellais, of Chillicothe, Missouri. Bill and Ann are very dedicated individuals who exemplify the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership. I thank Grace Episcopal Church for hosting a retirement reception in their honor on Sunday, July 12, 2009.

Bill has an impressive list of degrees, ranging from theological studies to history to counseling psychology. He received his Doctor of Education degree in higher education management and education psychology in 1988 from New Mexico State University.

Bill's dedication to his community and his country has been exceptional. He served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including service in Korea, as well as 17 years in the Army as an intelligence specialist, including two years of service in Vietnam, receiving over a dozen awards along the way. He has been the Rector at Grace Episcopal Church in Chillicothe since 1992, as well as an active member of the Diocese of West Missouri. Bill is the Chaplain for the Home Health and Hospice Department at Hedrick Medical Center in Chillicothe, and he also serves as an adjunct faculty staff member for several colleges. Bill is

also active in countless community activities, serving on the Board of Directors for organizations such as Hope Haven Industries, the North Central Missouri Rural Housing Coalition, Chillicothe Area Habitat for Humanity, the Chillicothe Rotary Club, and many more.

Ann Bellais has been just as active in the community as her husband. She has been a strong leader in the Missouri State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for years, having been an active member of DAR for an incredible 49 years. She has served as President for both the Chillicothe Church Women United group and the Chillicothe Garden Club. She has also served on the board of Hope Haven Industries, and she has represented the area for two hospitals in Kansas City—serving St. Luke's Hospital on a Spiritual Wellness Committee, and Children's Mercy Hospital on a regional council.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask my colleagues to join me in commending Bill and Ann Bellais for their dedicated service to the community of Chillicothe, Missouri. I know their colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking them for their commitment to others and wishing him happiness and good health in retirement.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2997—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN McHUGH

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: SUNY Environmental School of Forestry

Address of Requesting Entity: SUNY ESF Bray Hall 224, Syracuse, NY 13210

Description: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for the eradication of the Asian Long-Horned Beetle in New York State forest lands. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle is an invasive species that can have disastrous effects on forest areas. Several beetle infestations have already occurred in the U.S. including Chicago, NJ, Staten Island, NY and most recently in Worcester, Massachusetts in August 2008. In order to eradicate the beetle 30,000 trees were cut down in an effort to keep the beetle from spreading. While other methods are being explored, chopping down infested trees and burning the wood is currently the only way to eradicate the beetles which have no known natural predator in the U.S.

More than 61 percent of New York State is forested and highly vulnerable to an introduction of Asian Long-Horned Beetle. The trees preferred as hosts by the Asian Long-Horned Beetle are hardwoods, which also compose the majority of the Northeast United States mixed hardwood forests critical to New York rural economic vitality and the forest products

and wood-based renewable energy industries, New York State water quality, sequestration of carbon and greenhouse gases known to contribute to climate change.

There is no wide scale proactive protection technology deployed today and the threat is moving north toward the Catskill and west toward the Adirondack and Southern Tier. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation is an economic, social and environmental disaster waiting to happen. Presently, all therapies for Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation are reactive; all the trees are removed for miles around.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of California—Agriculture and Natural Resources

Address of Requesting Entity: 1111 Franklin Street, Room 6402, Oakland, California 94607

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,000,000 to continue the highly successful Pierce's Disease and Invasive Species Research Program. This program funds competitively awarded research grants to find solutions to this potentially devastating bacterial disease that threatens California's wine grape industry, as well as other grape varieties, citrus, almonds and tree fruit.

This program also focuses on other invasive species impacting California and the nation. These include pathogens (West Nile virus, Avian Influenza, Sudden Oak Death), insects (vine mealy bug, light brown apple moth), marine and fresh water species (green crab and quagga mussel), and weed species (yellow star thistle). Greater knowledge of these species, understanding of invasion biology parameters, and potential control and eradication strategies is critical for California and the U.S.

Requesting Member: Congressman KEN CALVERT

Bill Number: H.R. 2997

Account: Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 18700 Ward St., Fountain Valley, California 92708

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 to expand an existing program and add an additional 5,500 Smart Irrigation Controllers to residential and commercial properties in Orange County, CA by 2011. These Smart Irrigation Controllers assist water customers in delivering the appropriate amount of water to residential and commercial landscapes by monitoring and accounting for soil type, slope, plant type, sun exposure and current weather conditions.